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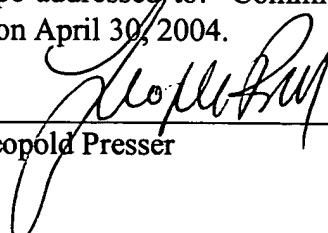
Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 6, 2004, wherein the Examiner sets forth a Requirement for Restriction to a single disclosed invention pursuant to the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §121, applicants herewith provisionally elect Species II, directed to Figure 3 of the drawings.

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The claims, which are readable on the elected species, are Claims 9, 10, 11, 14, 15 and 16.

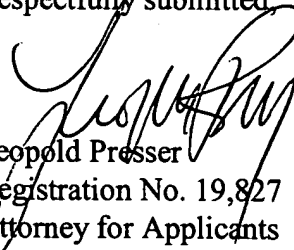
Concerning the foregoing, all of these claims read on the elected embodiment of Figure 3 of the drawings, and wherein applicants respectfully submit to the Examiner that Claim 9 is essentially generic to various of the embodiments, for the following reasons:

In essence, Claim 9 indicates that the third section piece 7, 10 and 11 consists of an elastically deformable flexible material and is housed within the confines of the second section piece (5), with that also being constituted of an elastically deformable flexible material. Consequently, Claim 9 is not limited to the aspect as to whether the third section piece and the second section piece are formed integrally or by means of separate pieces of material. Consequently, Claim 9 is deemed to be generic to the remaining embodiments, in addition to the elected embodiment of Figure 3 of the drawings.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement and that all of the embodiments set forth herein be considered during the continued prosecution of this application.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement, and the early and favorable reconsideration of the foregoing by the Examiner, and examination of the application on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted



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